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SUBJECT: KOREANS IN SAIGON

REF: SEOUL 3150 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPT
SPOKESMAN. QUOTE:

QUESTION: CAN YOU CONFIRM THE REPORTS THAT KOREANS,
JAPANESE AND POSSIBLY OTHERS WHO WERE LOOKING TO
US FOR HELP IN EVACUATING SAIGON WERE NOT PICKED UP
AND WERE LEFT BEHIND?

ANSWER: AT THIS POINT WE ARE STILL TRYING TO SORT OUT
THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT. UNTIL THIS IS COMPLETED WE
WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING DEFINITIVE
ON THE SUBJECT. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER,
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THAT THERE WERE SOME THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS WHO HAD

EXPECTED TO LEAVE WITH OUR HELP BUT COULDN'T DO SO.
UNTIL WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION, I CANNOT COMMENT BEYOND
THIS.

QUESTION: WHAT RESPONSIBILITY DID WE HAVE FOR THEM
AND WHY?

ANSWER: UNTIL WE HAVE FURTHER DETAILS IT WOULD NOT
BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO GO INTO THIS. HOWEVER, IT
HAS BEEN OUR PRACTICE TO ASSIST THE NATIONALS OF
FRIENDLY NATIONS, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, IN SITUATIONS
LIKE THIS.

UNQUOTE.

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